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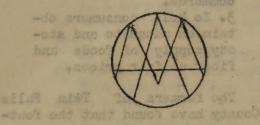
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A statement from the Twinfalls County

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Why a Farm Program?

Conservation of the Nation's soil resources is the primary purpose of the AAA Farm Program. In addition, it seeks:

1. To help farmers obtain their fair share of national income.

2. To provide for an orderly, adequate, and balanced plan of farm products in interstate and foreign commerce.

3. To help consumers obtain an adequate and steady supply of foods and fiber at fair prices.

The farmers of Twin Falls County have found that the features of the AAA Farm Program can be applied successfully to this county. The carrying out of the provisions of the program has not only maintained soil fertility, but has added substantially to farm incomes.

Approximately 93 percent of the farmers in Twin Falls County have indicated their intentions to participate in the 1939 Farm Program. This sign up represents 96 percent of all the cropland in the county.

The farmers of this county were quick to see the advantages to be gained by following the AMA Farm Program. This fact is indicated by the exceptionally good cooperation given since the first introduction of the farm program. Your local committee is pleased to report that the percentage of participation has risen steadily each year and has always been well above both the state and national average.

Your Twin Falls County Agricultural Conservation Committee....

Walter Reese, Castleford Chairman

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Listed here are some of the methods used in accomplishing the purposes and also some of the results obtained:

"PARITY" .PAYMENTS

Approximately 2200 farmers have received their price adjustment payments, intended by Congress to raise farm income closer to the general level of prices paid by farmers for things they buy. Twin Falls County's payment represents a total of \$73,067 paid for participation in this phase of the program alone.

WHEAT LOANS

The farmers of this county were well pleased with the 1938 wheat loan program. Sixty wheat loans were made last year involving approximately \$31,000. The loan program is in effect again this year, and the county committee estimates that there will be about 200 loans made.

Loans help keep the markets from being flooded at harvest time, thereby stabilizing wheat prices. They leave the wheat in the producer's hands, too, allowing him to benefit if the price goes up.

Commodity Credit Corporation will advance 50 cents per bushel on No. 1 soft white wheat this year.



SUGAR BEET PROGRAM

In 1938 the 500 sugar beet growers of Twin Falls County received \$221,122 in Government payments. This was an average payment of \$30.94 per acre.

This year 7,911 acres were contracted. The county committee expects 100% compliance with this program.

RANGE PROGRAM

The AAA Range Program seeks to conserve one of the nations great natural resources as a means of obtaining:

1. A more efficient and stable livestock production, year after year.

2. A steadier supply of meat for the nation's consumers.

3. A steadier income for the range operator.

Payments under this program are made for such practices as deferred grazing, artificial reseeding, and water developments.

Thirty-seven range operators signed up a total of 113,098 acres of range in 1938 and received \$1,176.76 in benefit payments.

The Twin Falls County Agricultural Conservation Committee estimates that the farmers and ranchers of this county will receive \$500,000 in benefit payments this year.

CROP INSURANCE

This program—new last year—met with immediate approval of the farmers of this county. Formers can insure their wheat up to 75% of their normal yield for as low as ½ bushel per acre.

Due to both hail and water shortage in some sections of the county, several farmers who carried crop insurance will receive payment for losses this year.

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